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For: FREE RADICAL RETROGRADE PRECIPITATION
COPOLYMERS AND PROCESS FOR MAKING SAME;

RESTRICTION, AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 31, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows. A marked-up version of the amendment is attached as Appendix I. A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) has been attached. The Supplemental IDS is being filed prior to the first Office Action on the merits.

In The Claims:

1. (amended) A block copolymer comprising:

- a) 4 to 50 percent by weight of (meth)acrylic acid units; and
- b) from 50 to 95 percent by weight of at least one non-acid ethylenically unsaturated monomer.

Please cancel claims 5 and 6 without prejudice.

Please cancel claims 9 to 14 without prejudice.